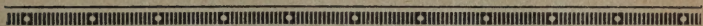


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Annual Report

THORNTON

New Hampshire



1923-24

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING
January 31, 1924

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—William Lyford

Town Clerk—W. B. Emmons

Selectmen—Everett E. Caldon, Leland E. Holmes,
Fred W. Connor

Treasurer—W. B. Emmons

Tax Collector—Frank L. Houston

Overseer of Poor—Everett E. Caldon

Auditor—Frank L. Hazeltine

Supervisors of Check List—Frank Barnard, Bert
Avery, Joseph Gilman

Police and Constable—George Adams

Road Agents—Herbert A. Broad, Lawrence Shores,
Nelson Brown

Fire Wardens—A. C. Benton, Lyster Bradley

State Patrolman—Raymond Tobyne

Health Officer—B. F. Merrill

Librarian—Amy Barnard

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and buildings	\$242,525.00
Horses, 115	13,305.00
Mules, 3	125.00
Cows, 229	10,105.00
Oxen, 10	950.00
Neat stock, 42	1,945.00
Sheep, 112	590.00
Mills, 6	15,050.00
Lumber	26,960.00
Money on hand	336.00
Stock in trade	2,300.00

Total exclusive of exemption	\$314,191.00
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Amount of Taxes and Rate

Amount of taxes assessed on property	\$12,991.03
Poll tax	675.00
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Total amount of taxes for town	\$13,666.03
Amount exempted to soldiers	\$1,000.00
Rate per cent on \$100.00	4.10

List of Appropriations

To defray town charges	\$2,000.00
Highways and bridges	2,000.00
State Aid construction	516.00
State Aid maintenance	100.00
Trunk Line maintenance	1,500.00
Town debt	1,000.00
Hubbard Brook bridge	1,500.00
County tax	730.91
State tax	678.50
School district	3,640.62
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Total	\$13,666.03

Statement of Assets

Cash

In hands of Treasurer	\$1,589.77
Library Trustees	160.56
Bounties from state	161.60
Due from County, County poor	82.00

Taxes Not Collected

A levy 1920	\$71.70
A levy 1921	239.71
A levy 1922	7.88
A levy 1923	8,123.98

Total	\$10,437.20
Excess of liabilities over assets (debts)	5,222.45
	<hr/> \$15,659.65

Liabilities

Due school district	\$1,940.62
Notes	13,719.03
Total	<hr/> \$15,659.65

Due on notes

Edna Willey Smith	\$28.91
Annie Willey Sawyer	28.91
W. P. Van Housen, estate	1,161.49
Ralph Steele	849.18
Harry Steele	985.68
Leland E. Holmes	1,429.15
E. E. Caldon	1,834.24
Frank Steele	2,025.00
Francis Emmons	5,376.47

Total due on notes	<hr/> \$13,719.03
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During past year we have made a practice of hiring money of townspeople instead of bank, and thereby giving them the advantage of same rate of interest we would have to pay bank.

We have hired money of the following people:

Francis H. Emmons, took note up at bank	\$5,151.11
L. E. Holmes	240.35
E. E. Caldon	653.00
Frank Steele	2,000.00
Plymouth Bank	1,000.00
Francis Emmons	2,000.00

\$11,044.46

Money Paid on Notes

Plymouth Bank, beside interest	\$2,000.00
Francis Emmons	2,000.00

\$4,000.00

Town Property

Town house	\$1,000.00
5 schoolhouses	3,000.00
Road machine	150.00
Road roller	100.00
Safe	25.00
Equipment of schoolhouses	825.00
Equipment of town house	75.00

Total \$5,175.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 31, 1924

Amount on hand	\$212. 97
Received of town clerk, dog money	115.20
Received of town clerk, auto tax	506.24
Received of Selectmen	12,776.08
Received of Collector, 1921	34.86
Received of Collector, 1922	8,568.91
Received of Collector, 1923	5,920.68

\$28,134.94

Paid on orders	26,545.17
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Cash on hand	\$1,589.77
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W. B. EMMONS,
Treasurer.

Detail Statement of Receipts

Julie Merrill, cemetery lot	\$10.00
Town of Waterville on bridge for boards	64.00
Redeemed land	13.44
1922 bounty money	104.80
State fire department	11.40
Frank Littlefield, cemetery lot	10.00
Robert Hazeltine, cement	2.75
George Avery, cement	.90
National Forest Reserve	189.67
State on road	1,000.00
R. M. Tobyne, bal. last year's road account	2.06
R. M. Tobyne, overpaid on week's work	1.00
Will Emmons, on note	2,000.00
E. E. Caldon, on note	653.00
Frank Steele, on note	2,000.00
L. E. Holmes, on note	240.35
C. W. Johnson, care Emma Smith estate, interest to be used for care cemetery	50.00
Dora James, same as above	100.00
Plymouth Bank	1,000.00
From State	
Railroad tax	454.46
Savings bank tax	306.88
Fred Toby, last year's cement bill	15.00
Otis Knowles, cement	1.80
Road	
State Aid construction	555.10
State Aid maintenance	3.99
Trunk line maintenance	861.59
Redeemed land	71.69
Redeemed land	499.40
New bridge (from state)	2,552.80
Total	<hr/> \$12,776.08

Detail Statement of Payments

Salaries and Expenses of Principal Town Officers

W. B. Emmons, town clerk	\$150.00
E. E. Caldon, selectman	115.00
L. E. Holmes, selectman	86.50
F. W. Connor, selectman	84.00

T. W. Connor, State Aid construction	1,656.90
R. Tobyne, Trunk Line	2,912.72
J. B. Clifford, new bridge	2,494.70
E. E. Caldon, janitor	5.00
E. E. Caldon and hired man, painting bridge Gordon Brook	12.00
E. E. Caldon, getting old bridge from pond and hauling to Mad River	36.00
Ralph Steele, water trough	3.00
McCoy estate, abatement	44.34
Frank Houston, abatement on Applebee farm	41.00
I. F. Hazeltine, gravel for new bridge	62.80
P. J. Philbrook, tramp	1.00
White Mountain Tel. & Tel. Co., paint new bridge	15.98
Pemigewasset National Bank	1,010.00
Frank Barnard, supervisor	8.00
B. F. Merrill, health officer	3.00
B. F. Merrill, water trough	3.00
A. W. Berg, paint new bridge	60.00
E. E. Caldon, hauling lumber new bridge	42.00
E. E. Caldon, paid Sherwood bear bounty	5.00
Paid school treasurer on this year's school money	1,700.00

Roads

H. A. Broad, No. 1	470.49
Lawrence Shores No. 2	482.66
Nelson Brown No. 3	472.64
F. L. Houston, collector of taxes	100.00
Money paid out by selectmen	24.04
E. E. Caldon, selectman after settlement	46.00
L. E. Holmes, selectman after settlement	14.00
George Adams, dog police	8.00
Horace Plummer, ballot clerk	3.50
C. V. Ham, supervisor	7.00
F. W. Connor, 1922 hedgehog bounties not paid until after settlement	8.20
Money paid out, hedgehog bounties	73.40
L. R. Morrison, supplies for bridge	24.31
Robert Hazeltine, cleaning underpass Mad River road	2.00
Frank Tuttle, door for town hall	4.00
Amy Barnard, librarian	104.00

Bal. of last year's school money	1,218.88
H. Durand, cement for new bridge	703.90
Frank Corliss, bounty on bear	5.00
Ralph McCormick, painting signs, road	5.00
N. E. Road Machine Co.	45.30
Town poor, Boston Store	12.29
Town poor, Woman Shop	1.98
A. F. Burt, new bridge	4.84
W. B. Avery, shingles town house	91.75
F. H. Foster, county tax	730.91
Coburn Construction Co.	5,348.00
Woodstock Lumber Co., new bridge	30.24
A. D. Merrill, lumber new bridge	331.58
Frank L. Tuttle, repair work, town house	66.00
W. B. Sabrien, bounty on bobcat	20.00
W. J. Randolph, recording	22.75
A. F. Burt, lumber and repair, town house	28.76
G. B. Currier, plank	148.75
Nelson Brown, bounty on bear	5.00
L. E. Holmes, working on repair town house	56.00
David McLeod, paint new bridge	20.00
W. J. Randolph, transfer	2.68
Bert Avery, cleaning culvert	1.50
Nelson Brown, after settlement	186.65
Lawrence Shores, after settlement	263.66
F. L. Houston, abatement Dora Brown tax	15.28
Edson Eastman Co., supplies	9.87
State treasurer, \$2 on poll tax for last year	382.00
Bank, note and interest	1,048.32
W. I. Lee, bonds	43.50
C. V. Ham, work on road	5.00
Warren Savage, bounty on seven bears	35.00
F. L. Houston, non-resident land sale	92.57
Record Print, printing reports	69.02
Town poor, Boston Store	14.76
F. L. Houston, resident land sale	527.75
A. C. Benton, fire warden	23.05
Fred C. Tobey, plank	382.28
Association of N. H.	2.00
W. J. Randolph, recording	23.75
George Fadden, bounty 2 bears	10.00
Ed Bell, new bridge	18.00
Dan Downing, drawing lumber, town house	1.50

W. B. Emmons, note and interest	2,025.00
H. A. Broad, work on road after settlement last year	11.25
George Adams, police service at fall election	3.50
State Aid maintenance	18.00
Supplies bought by Mr. Holmes for town house	10.51
Leland E. Holmes, getting old bridge from pond	14.00
Paid on 1922 orders (treasurer)	11.00
Paid on 1921 orders (treasurer)	.65

Total payment	\$26,545.17
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The 1922 orders and 1921 orders were not given by us this year, but were paid by treasurer so had to put them in to bring our account with treasurer and show where \$11.65 came in.

The tax payers will find, on looking through the detail payments, there is no payment of state tax. Through the Cotton Bill we received an abatement of state tax for the past year.

E. E. CALDON,
L. E. HOLMES,
F. W. CONNOR,

Selectmen.

H. A. Broad, Road Agent No. 1.

Walter Elliott	\$70.00
Frank E. Broad	77.00
Frank Houston	10.50
H. Cheney	46.74
Truman Heath	6.00
Treb. Dolloff	18.00
Roy Sawyer	9.00
George Sawyer	19.50
Sam Wallace	1.00
Ed Bell	41.00
W. G. Carr	3.00
H. A. Broad	168.75

Total	\$470.49
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Received of town \$470.90

L. S. Shores, Road Agent No. 2

Guy Downing	45.32
E. E. Caldon	40.40
L. G. Shores	143.09
Frank Steele	23.15
Lawrence Steele	26.95
George Avery	50.97
C. V. Ham	31.00
G. B. Currier	16.80
Willis Horner	7.70
Frank Littlefield	1.25
Eugene Wood	3.00
Fred Dearborn	10.50
Carl Grey	5.75
Ernest Haynes	15.50
Chester Avery	5.00
Scott Benton	6.00
John Wallace	2.50
Ernest Tobyne	6.00
Frank Haynes	8.50
Roy Haynes	11.00
L. R. Morrison	3.48
Jack Ross	10.00
Frank Plummer	3.00
Roxie Merrill	2.60
T. W. Connor	3.00
Will Merrill	2.20
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Total	\$484.66
Received of town	482.66
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Due road agent	\$2.00

N. W. Brown, Road Agent No. 3.

B. F. Merrill	\$73.00
George Ward	6.00
L. E. Holmes	22.50
J. H. Gilman	22.00
D. Hadley	1.50

F. Connor	6.00
G. Adams	3.00
E. E. Greene	7.50
Bert Avery	41.60
G. B. Currier	110.20
A. Woodbury	3.00
F. Scott	3.00
G. Hart	6.00
Nelson Brown	167.34

Total	\$472.64
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Received from town \$472.64

State Aid Maintenance

T. W. Connor, Foreman

L. Shores and team	\$18.00
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Received of town \$18.00

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

F. W. Connor, Foreman

F. W. Connor	212.00
E. E. Caldon and team	153.00
E. E. Caldon, man and team	294.00
L. G. Shores	256.50
Emery Tobyne	69.75
George Avery	55.50
Frank Steele	94.50
Lawrence Steele	51.00
J. Peaslee	40.50
H. Bowles	78.75
Willis Horner	56.25
D. McCloud	40.50
Gravel—Horner	7.00
Ora Downing	3.00
Scott Benton	90.00
E. Wood	40.50
F. Plummer	27.00

Gravel—Uhlman	30.00
Gravel—Will—Roxie Merrill	41.30
A. C. Benton	3.00
Kenneth Grey	3.00
Will Avery	9.85

\$1,656.90

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

James Clifford, Foreman

J. Clifford	\$380.00
D. Hazeltine	214.00
H. Moulton	195.11
M. Merrill	152.19
F. Dolloff	53.67
C. Houston	26.66
F. Broad	171.06
F. Houston	18.68
Hanscomb	138.50 38.50
W. Walker	154.50
Ed Bell and team	302.33
F. Houston and team	233.66 18.68
R. Sawyer	94.67
P. Colby	85.67
Use of ship pump	5.00
Trucking	29.00
Mixer	28.66
H. Broad	1.67
Walter Elliott	54.34
H. Broad and team	66.00
Sawyer and team	45.33
G. Sawyer	15.00

\$2,465.36

Total paid 2,494.70

Overdrawn by Clifford \$29.34

Other Bills Paid by Selectmen

Ed Bell	\$18.00
Colburn Construction Co.	5,348.00
A. F. Burt	4.84

Woodstock Lumber Co., lumber	30.24
A. D. Merrill, lumber	331.58
H. Durand, cement	503.90
Fred Tobey	25.68
George Currier, Plank	148.75
David McLeod, paint	20.00
A. W. Berg, paint	60.00
E. E. Caldon, drawing lumber	42.00
L. R. Morrison	24.31
I. F. Hazeltine, gravel	62.80
White Mountain Tel. & Tel. Co.	15.98

\$6,636.08

Work done by Clifford 2,465.36

Total cost of new bridge \$9,101.44

R. M. Tobyne, Patrolman Trunk Line

R. M. Tobyne	858.00
M. Adams	241.75
E. C. Burleigh	391.50
R. Lavesseur	4.50
William Lyford	3.00
J. McKay	3.00
Dan Downing	18.00
C. Fifield	45.00
L. Brown	284.00
B. Avery	64.50
Theo. Lavasseur	192.00
C. V. Ham	63.00
G. Lake	49.00
A. White	47.25
C. Ham	49.00
B. Benton	42.00
F. Steele	24.50
L. Steele	24.50
H. Adams	29.25
S. Ham	14.00
S. Fifield	1.50
F. Conner	72.00

F. Adams	54.00
Money paid out, gravel, posts, railing, etc.	336.47
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Total	\$2,911.72
Received from town	2,912.72
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Money left over	\$1.00
Returned to town	1.00

February 22, 1924.

Having examined the foregoing account, I find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE B. CURRIER, Auditor.

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash in bank Feb. 1, 1924	\$160.59
Received for dues	1.85
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	\$162.41
Volumes owned	1,350
Circulation of books and magazines	520

FRANK A. BARNARD,

For the Trustees.

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Birth 1923	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	
		Male, Female	Liv. or Strm								No. of Child
Jan 22	Stearl Freeman	M	L	1	W	Stearl	Hazeltine	Vera Selingham	W	Thornton	Thornton
Feb 10	Lester Colburn	M	L	4	W	Carl A	Sargent	Adele G Simpson	W	Thornton	Campton
Feb 10	Russell Simpson	M	L	5	W	Carl A	Sargent	Adele G Simpson	W	Thornton	Campton
July 17	Madeline Gertrude	F	L	9	W	Walter	Applebee	Bertha Corey	W	Thornton	Worcester
Aug 3	Irma May	F	L	3	W	Edgar	Smith	Irma Selby	W	Thornton	Dunham P Q

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date—1923	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
May 29	Campton	Fred R Page	Campton	39	W	Carpenter	Campton	Sarah Cotton	Campton	Housewife	1	A W Young Clergyman
		Mrs Edna Hodgman	Campton	43	W	Housewife	Campton	Ruben Page Louise Avery	Campton	Farmer Housewife	2	Campton
Aug 24	Laconia	Kenneth C Barnard	W Thornton	21	W	Auto mech'c	W Thornton	Clarence Ferrin Amy L Hackett	Campton	Factory Emp'e Housewife	1	Ernest R Caswell Min of the Gospel
		Catherine Plummer	W Thornton	22	W	Schooltea'r	Ashland	Frank A Barnard Lillian M Cushing	Thornton W Pembroke Me	Farmer Housewife	1	Laconia
Sept 18	Campton	DeLacie C Laughy	Franklin	20	W	Paper maker	Franklin	George Plummer Mary B MacManmen	Campton St Johns N B	Carpenter Housewife	1	Lester M Avery Justice of Peace
		Luva Downing	Thornton	19	W	Factory em'e	Concord Vt	James E Laughy Lillian F Ball	Norton N B Lunenburg Vt	Dealer in stock Housewife	1	Campton
Dec 5	Lincoln	Smith A Merrill	Thornton	22	W	Farmer	Thornton	Guy F Downing Edith Downing	Cabot Vt Ellsworth	Farmer Housewife	1	H J Foote Clergyman
		Isabel Q Horner	Thornton	20	W	Stenographer	Thornton	Albert D Merrill Laura Gardner Willis Horner	Thornton	Farmer Housewife Farmer	1	Lincoln

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date—1923	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex and Cond'n		Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days	Male	Female		Father	Mother		
Apr 4	Thornton	Oscar Durgin	73	10	7	M	W	Farming	Campton	Campton	Varnum Durgin	Sarah M Smith
Oct 4	Thornton	Josiah T Bradley	77	4	8	M	W	Farming	Danville Vt	Pomfret Vt	Eli Bradley	Sarah Pratt
Nov 13	Thornton	Charles S Sawyer	86	11	8	M	W	Farming			Sylvester Sawyer	Sarah Clark
Dec 11	Thornton	Daniel Southmayd	79	6	16	M	W	Retired				

School Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the nineteenth day of April, 1924, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of elementary schools.
8. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of District Officers.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the salary of Superintendent of Schools.
10. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the High School Tuition.

11. To see if the District will vote to adopt Medical Inspection for the schools and to appropriate money therefor.

12. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said town this 6th day of February, 1924.

WALTER I. LEE,
GLADYS D. CURRIER,
AFFIE R. MERRILL,

School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Chairman —Walter I. Lee	1925
Members —Gladys D. Currier	1924
Helena McCormick (resigned)	
Affie R. Merrill (appointed by Board)	1924
Secretary and Superintendent —Alonzo J. Knowlton	
Treasurer —W. B. Emmons	
Auditor —Mrs. Edith Merrill	

Teachers for 1923-1924

	Salary	No. pupils
West Thornton, Catherine Barnard	\$792.00	38
Center Thornton, Mildred Simpson	810.00	25
Lyford, Mabel J. Howland	540.00	11
Mad River, Isabel F. Hazeltine	648.00	16

School Calendar for 1923-1924

Terms open	Length in weeks	Terms close
August 27, 1923	13	November 23rd
	Recess of nine days	
December 3rd	3	December 21st
	Recess of nine days	
December 31st	8	February 22, 1924
	Recess of five weeks	
March 31st	12	June 20th

Attendance

Last year there were registered in the local public schools 88 pupils with an average attendance of 89 per cent, 11 pupils were attending high school and 6 elementary schools outside the district. There were 171 tardy marks and four pupils had a perfect record; viz., Fred Adams, Evelyn Adams, Theodore Graves and Evelyn Uhlman.

Recommendations for 1924-1925

\$5.00 tax on the equalized valuation	\$1,991.62
High school tuition	800.00
Salaries of district officers and expenses	100.00
\$2.00 per capita tax for supervision	222.00
Superintendent's salary	200.00
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Total amount recommended	\$3,313.62

We also recommend that the school calendar be changed so that the schools shall open the first of August and close the last week in June. This will make it better for the children to attend and the cost of heating will be considerably less.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1923

Received from the selectmen	\$2,759.11
Received from state treasurer	2,562.01
Received from A. F. Burt, to correct error	49.50
Cash on hand June 30, 1922	2,095.05
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	\$7,465.67
Paid orders Nos. 422 to 573 inclusive	6,762.17
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Cash on hand July 1, 1923	\$703.50

W. B. EMMONS,

Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1923

Receipts

From the State

Equalization	\$2,562.01
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From the Selectmen by Taxation

For elementary schools	987.11
High school tuition	600.00

Salaries of district officers	200.00
Per capita tax	272.00
Superintendent's salary	200.00
Repairs and remodeling	500.00

From Sources Other Than Taxation

Return on repair account, A. F. Burtt	49.50
Total receipts from all sources	\$5,370.62
Total cash on hand July 1, 1922	2,095.05
Grand total	\$7,465.67

Payments

Administration

Salaries of district officers	\$75.00
Superintendent's excess salary	200.00
Truant officer and school census	5.54
Expenses of administration	19.52
	\$300.06

Instruction

Teachers' salaries	\$2,736.00
Text books	178.14
Scholars' supplies	42.13
Flags and appurtenances	6.45
Other expenses of instruction	2.40
	\$2,965.12

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant

Janitor service	\$131.00
Fuel	176.25
Janitors' supplies	22.45
Minor repairs and expenses	302.62
	\$632.32

Auxiliary Agencies

Medical Inspection	\$62.25
Transportation of pupils	1,075.00
High school tuition	567.50

Elementary school tuition	158.25
Fixed charges, insurance	52.50
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Outlay for Construction and Equipment	\$1,915.50
Alterations of old buildings	\$652.84
New equipment	24.33
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	\$677.17
Debt, Interest and Other Charges	
Per capita tax (\$2)	\$272.00
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Total payments for all purposes	\$6,762.17
Cash on hand June 30, 1923	703.50
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Grand total	\$7,465.67

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1923

Cash on hand	\$703.50
Due from selectmen	1,218.88
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Total assets	\$1,922.38
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Grand total	\$1,922.38

Liabilities, June 30, 1923

Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes

H. S. tuition	\$95.00
Administration	99.94
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Total liabilities	\$194.94
Excess of assets over liabilities	1,727.44
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Grand total	\$1,922.38

Having examined the accounts of the School Board of Thornton School District, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDITH MERRILL, Auditor.

At the annual meeting held April 19, 1923, it was voted to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the support of schools for the year 1923-1924:

\$5.00 tax on the equalized valuation	\$1,991.62
High school tuition	600.00
Salaries of district officers	100.00
Salary of superintendent	200.00
Repairs	450.00
Insurance	53.00
Per capita tax (not voted)	246.00
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Total amount to be raised by taxation	\$3,640.62

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries of District Officers

Currier, Gladys D.	\$25.00
Lee, Walter I.	25.00
Merrill, Affie R.	25.00
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	\$75.00

Salary of Superintendent

To state	\$200.00
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Truant Officer and School Census

Supplies	\$5.54
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Expense of Administration

Currier, Gladys D.	\$2.00
Knowlton, A. J.	13.52
Lee, W. I.	4.00
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	\$19.52

Teachers' Salaries	
Conroy, Charlotte M.	\$648.00
Hazeltine, Isabel F.	648.00
Merrill, Lora	648.00
Sturtevant, Glen H.	792.00
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	\$2,736.00
Text Books	
	\$178.14
Scholars' Supplies	
	\$42.13
Flags and Appurtenances	
	\$6.45
Other Expenses of Instruction	
	\$2.40
Janitor Work	
Conroy, Charlotte M.	\$36.00
Hazeltine, I. F.	13.25
Merrill, Lora	36.00
Sturtevant, Glen H.	36.00
Uhlman, Harry	9.75
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	\$131.00
Fuel	
Caldon, E. E.	\$12.50
Currier, Geo. B.	50.50
Doloff, Levi	3.75
Downing, Guy	57.75
Downing, Harley	3.00
Sawyer, George	45.00
Uhlman, Harry	3.75
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	\$176.25
Janitors' Supplies	
	\$22.45
Minor Repairs and Expenses	
Applebee, Mrs. Walter	\$5.00
Avery, W. B.	27.95
Bump, George	5.39

Cheney, S. A. Co.	4.01
Currier, G. B.	5.00
Downing, Chester	1.00
Fadden, J. H.	2.00
Hammett, J. L. Co.	1.32
Harwood, G. L.	67.15
Knowlton, A. J.	5.00
Lee, W. I.	4.26
McCormick, Ralph	59.25
Merrill, Lora	1.15
Morris, Frank	.91
Morrison, L. R.	44.38
Ripley, Geo. W.	63.00
Russell, A.	2.35
Shores, Mrs. Lawrence	3.50

\$302.62

Medical Inspection

Dr. Cheney	\$62.25
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Transportation

Bradley, Lester	\$252.00
Carr, W. J.	360.00
Downing, Ezra R.	157.00
Shores, Larwence	306.00

\$1,075.00

High School Tuition

Plymouth, 5 pupils	\$192.50
Lincoln, 5 pupils	225.00
Woodstock, 3 pupils	150.00

\$567.50

Elementary Tuition

Campton, 1 pupil	\$23.25
Woodstock, 4 pupils	108.00

\$131.25

Insurance

W. I. Lee	\$52.50
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Alterations of Old Buildings

Avery, W. B.	\$15.00
Burt, A. F. Co.	367.61
Emmons, W. B.	36.52
Durgin, L. R.	161.80
Kenny Bros. & Wolkins	30.51
St. Lawrence, Cyprien	41.40
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	\$652.84

New Equipment

\$24.33

Per Capita Tax

136 pupils \$272.00

Total payment for all purposes \$6,762.17

WALTER I. LEE,
GLADYS D. CURRIER,
AFFIE R. MERRILL,

School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Members of the School Board:

I submit for your consideration my fifth annual report of the schools of Thornton.

The teachers for this year are: West Thornton, Catherine P. Barnard, a teacher of considerable successful experience; Lyford, Mabel J. Howland, teaching for the first time; Center Thornton, Mildred Simpson, a teacher of successful experience and a holder of a N. H. teachers' certificate; Mad River, Isabel F. Hazeltine, who is teaching her fourth successful year in this school.

Standard tests have been given in all of the schools as a check upon the efficiency of our teaching. Last November, the State Board of Education gave special tests in arithmetic and spelling for the eighth grades. The results, in Thornton, were fair but below what they should have been.

A contest is being carried on between the West Thornton school grades 4-8, and the Whitton school, Wolfeboro, in reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. The progress in the two schools is measured by standard tests given at about the same time and the results exchanged.

In all of the schools this year special emphasis is being placed upon thought reading in place of word calling, reasoning in arithmetic in place of guessing, systematic study of spelling, practicing in writing, and trying to express just what we mean in the best possible English. We do not expect to reach perfection by the close of the year but we do hope for marked improvement. The efficiency of the teaching, thoroughness of the drill, and interest of the children determine the amount that may be accomplished.

Repairs have been made as follows: The entry floor at Lyford's was repaired; the shed floor at Mad River was fixed temporarily but will need permanent repairs before the wood is put in another year; new toilets built at the Center School; Center and Mad River school buildings painted a second coat outside; jackets for stoves and ventilating systems set up; screens for three windows for each school building made and put on; and screen doors for all school buildings.

The buildings are now in good condition with the exception of a sill and shed floor at Mad River.

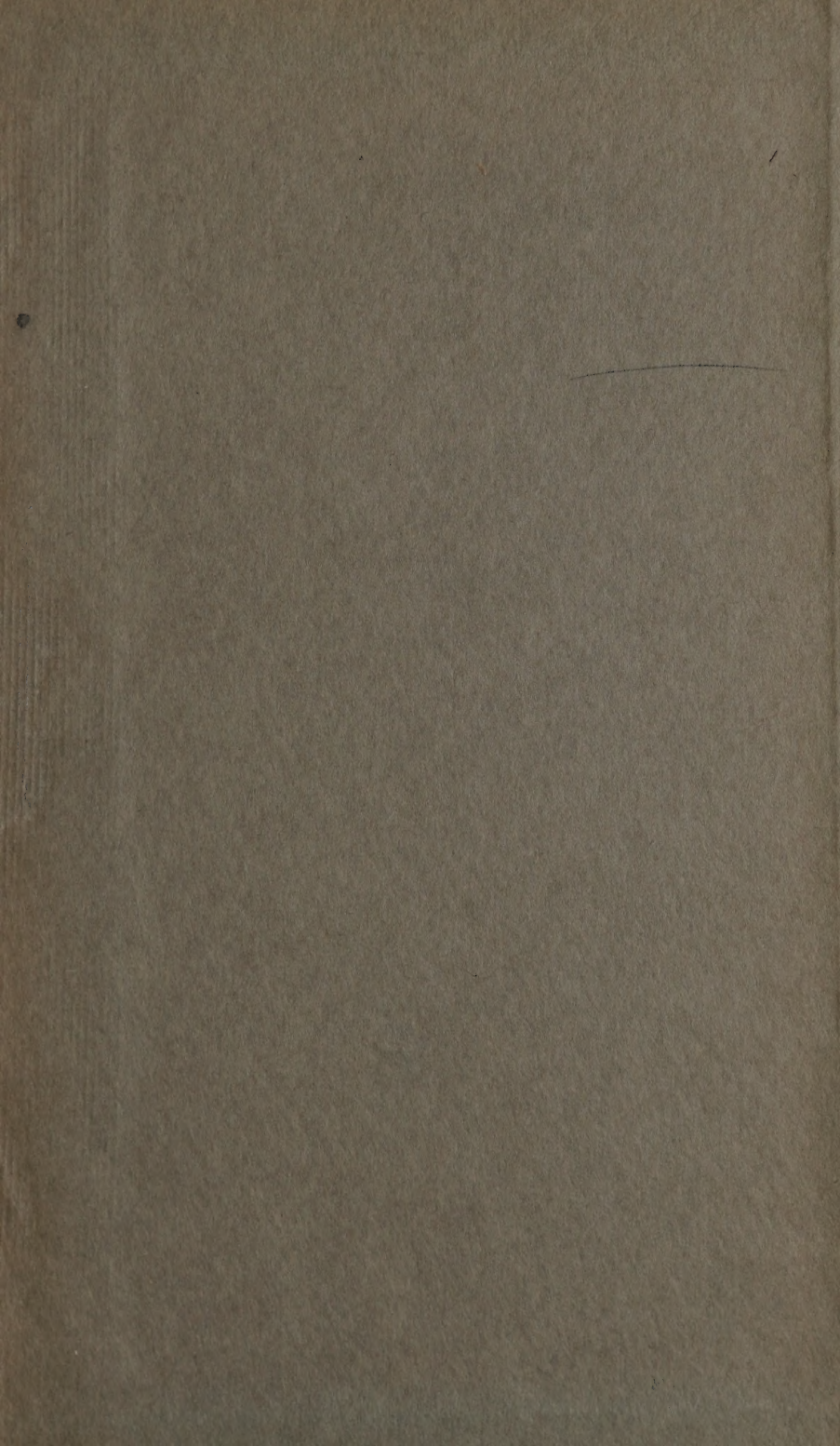
The weather, this year, has been favorable to good attendance, but in spite of it, the percentage drops during the colder weather. Warm weather is a better time for good attendance and consequently yields a larger dividend on the money invested in the schools. I believe your recommendation for a change in the school calendar is sound.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

North Woodstock, N. H., Jan. 19, 1924.



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